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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
CENTURYTEL ACQUISITION LLC TO
CINCINNATI BELL EXTENDED TERRITORIES LLC**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 08-47

Comments Due: April 22, 2008
Reply Comments Due: April 29, 2008

On March 27, 2008, CenturyTel Acquisition LLC (CTA) and Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC (CBET) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer control of CTA to CBET.¹ CTA is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that provides competitive local exchange and long distance services primarily to businesses and carriers in Dayton, Ohio. CTA is wholly owned by CenturyTel, Inc., a publicly traded company organized in Louisiana that provides mostly incumbent local exchange services in 25 states. CBET, an Ohio limited liability corporation, is a competitive local exchange and long distance telecommunications provider that serves Greater Dayton, Mason, Oxford, and Lebanon, Ohio. CBET is a wholly owned subsidiary of the publicly traded Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (CBT) that provides incumbent local exchange services in Cincinnati, Ohio. Applicants state that CBT's incumbent service territory is physically separate and noncontiguous with CTA's service area in Dayton. CBT is wholly owned by Cincinnati Bell Inc. (CBI), a publicly traded Ohio corporation. Applicants state that no individual or entity owns 10 percent or more of the equity of CBI. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, CBET will acquire specific tangible and intangible assets, customer contracts, and network infrastructure of CTA in the Dayton, Ohio market. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.²

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of CenturyTel Acquisition LLC to Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC, WC Docket No. 08-47 (filed Mar. 27, 2008).

¹ 47 C.F.R § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application on April 8, 2008.

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(ii).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of control identified herein is acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before April 22, 2008**, and reply comments **on or before April 29, 2008**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.³ Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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³ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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